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IN ORIGINAL APPLICATION**

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:  
My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated  
below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if  
only one name is listed below) or an original, first joint  
inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter  
which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the  
invention entitled:

**FOOD DECORATING APPARATUS AND METHOD**

the specification of which X is enclosed herewith or    was  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was  
amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the  
contents of the above identified specification, including the  
claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is  
material to the examination of this application in accordance  
with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35,  
United States Code, §119 of any foreign applications(s) for  
patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also  
identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's  
certificate having a filing date before that of the application  
on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Applications(s) :

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ APPLICATION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF FILING \_\_\_\_\_ PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER \_\_\_\_\_  
35 U.S.C.119 YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ APPLICATION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF FILING \_\_\_\_\_ PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER \_\_\_\_\_  
35 U.S.C.119 YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional applications listed below.

APPL SERIAL NO. 60/240,440 DATE OF FILING October 13, 2000

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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